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## *From The Director*

It's that time of the Spring semester . . . we're half-way to summer vacation, and minds are filled with midterms, papers, projects, leadership tryouts, sports, and soon we'll be registering for fall classes! Many of you may also be struggling with this new culture: while first coming to a new country is exciting and invigorating, a different language, different accents, and different ways of doing things (no matter how small) makes you weary. All of this is enough to make anyone feel overwhelmed!

Paul had some encouraging words for the Corinthian church when they felt overwhelmed by their surroundings. Of course, they were being persecuted for their faith and struggled with divisive problems in their own church. But, Paul's words to them almost 2,000 years ago can encourage us today. Because of our belief in Jesus,

"We do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight, momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, *"as we look not to things that are seen, but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are unseen are eternal"* (II Corinthians 4:16-18).

Don't be overwhelmed! Look to your God for strength in your circumstance, and know that these problems now will eventually pass away. Even now we're preparing to praise the Lord forever in Heaven. May we always look forward to this truth!

Thank you for taking time to read this month's newsletter – it is filled with important information for you to know. If you ever have questions about the information you read here, please do not hesitate to stop by and let us know!

Blessings,  
Lisa

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## *Announcements!*

*Thank you to everyone who came out to Multi-cultural day! We all enjoyed a beautiful day, music and of course, a **DELICIOUS** cuisine! Yummy!*

*Don't miss out on Chapel, Tuesday March 21 with guest speaker Jon Matheny*

***Prayer Request:*** *The volleyball team from Lees-McRae College, which played against the HIU volleyball team last night, were just informed that three students from their college were **killed in a boating accident on Wednesday**. Please pray for this team as they travel home, the college and families of these students.*

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## ESL Reflection

By Bethany Christian

*Yeah! For this past ESL Chapel that was on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Eunice and Yohan led us in 5 songs worship. Yohan did an incredible job of playing the piano and Eunice playing the guitar, both sang together. Aaron Jones (student at HIU) led us in sermon, he talked about love. Some of the students who are dating were asked up and asked to share about their love for one another. Most couples were embarrassed but Tommy, a Korean student had many things to say!*

*There will be more chapel before semester end. It's date is April 18<sup>th</sup> and we hope to see everyone come out again!*

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## Scripture of the Issue

*"For ye were sometimes darkness, but are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light"*

*Ephesians 5:8*

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## Are You Traveling This Spring Break?



Will you be leaving the borders of the United States? Be sure you are prepared! Please use the following checklist to ensure you don't get stuck at Border Patrol!

- PASSPORT** – unexpired and valid for at least 6 months into the future. If your passport is expired or will be in the next 6 months, you must renew it through your home-country consulate.
- I-20** – unexpired and with a travel signature less than one year old. *If any information on your I-20 has changed, please contact the ISP Office to receive a new I-20.*
- VISA** – unexpired and valid for re-entry into the United States (if your visa is expired please be fully prepared to interview in your home country for a new visa)
- PROOF OF FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT** – In the form of your copy of your class registration slip for Spring Semester 2006.
- YOUR STUDENT ID CARD** – have this ready to show in case the officer asks!

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## *Time for Taxes!!*

Can you believe it's already March? To many Americans, March is a time to watch college basketball games (March Madness!) It's also a time when most realize that there are only a few weeks left before April 15—the last day for most people to file their 2005 tax forms.

Most Americans dread filing their taxes because there are so many rules and forms to fill out. Did you know that you, as an international student, were required to file as well?

That's right! All of you need to file form 8843, even if you did not work or have any kind of US income. If you did work here, you probably will also have to fill out either form 1040NR-EZ or 1040NR. You should also be aware that certain scholarships you have received might be subject to taxation.

Although it's possible that nothing will happen to you if you don't file, we strongly urge you to do so. Not complying with US laws can potentially have many negative consequences (*such as being denied an H1-B visa or green card in the future*). It is also possible that you could get a refund (*money back*) of overpaid taxes if you worked. Where should you go for help?

The best place to look is on our website at <http://www.hiu.edu/isp/services/taxinfo/>. We've compiled a list of resources you can use in filling out your tax forms. You can also come talk to us in ISP. Though we are not trained to help you with your taxes, we'll do our best to help you weed through all of the information!

## *A Day's Reflection*

*By Ndirangu Mwaura*

'I didn't realize that there are so many ways to prepare food!' commented a sophomore upon sampling a variety of dishes. On Wednesday March 8, international students held a much anticipated food fest called The Multicultural Potluck in which *Hope* students from the world over prepared their best native dishes. The participants included the United States, Argentina, South Korea, Kenya, Jamaica, Ethiopia, Japan, Uganda, Vietnam, Ghana and Scotland. Some of the dishes on offer were *mandazi's* a sweet kind of bread from Kenya, we also had *kenke*, stiffened maize porridge from Ghana, *Ackee* from Jamaica, as well as US sandwiches. We also had *kimchi* (fermented spicy cabbage) from South Korea and *sushi* from Japan.

The weather was perfect for this outdoor event. The overwhelming turnout saw many dishes get finished rather quickly as fellow students and even faculty members were open minded and tried out different foods.

The event was very popular because '*Hope* fosters an international climate where diversity is welcomed' says event organizer Tram Dinh, who hails from Vietnam and is the International Student Senator. Her tireless efforts with the University's support resulted in the success of this food fest.

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## *Multi-Cultural Day Potluck!*



## *Rotaract at Hope*

*Hope* Rotaract Club was officially founded during the Fall 2005 Semester at Hope International

University. Sponsored by the Buena Park Rotary Club, and with the generous guidance of *Hope* Professor, Dr. West, the *Hope* Rotaract Club was able to attract founding memberships among the diverse, international students at *Hope*. The Club went on full swing to elect officers within the members, and by the end of 2005, planning for the *Hope* Rotaract Club began.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2006, the Buena Park Rotary Club hosted a dinner to officially welcome the *Hope* Rotaract Club officers and members to their community of servant leaders. The dinner was held at the Terraces Conference Center at *Hope*, and several key leaders of the Buena Park Rotary Club, and some *Hope* staffs were there to grace the evening.

In keeping with the overall mission of the Rotary Club, the *Hope* Rotaract Club aims to be able to contribute to the society through public service, commitment to peace and social welfare, and proactive community involvement. We aim to impact the world through our spirit of compassion, genuine community and international concern, and dedication to servanthood.

We thank everyone who helped us in building the foundations of the Club, for sharing their experiences and knowledge with us as we move forward in our planning, and most, importantly, for trusting us and believing in our ability to make a difference.

We welcome all those who are interested to become active members of the *Hope* Rotaract Club. For anyone who is interested to make a difference in the lives of others, join us and contact us at [hoperotaractclub@yahoo.com](mailto:hoperotaractclub@yahoo.com).